

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/826,853
OVERMOLDED VIAL FOR USE WITH A LEVEL

8. (Currently Amended) A vial comprising:

- a cylinder formed from a first material, the cylinder having a inner surface defining a cavity and an outer surface;
- a sleeve formed from a second material and being molded around and onto the outer surface of the cylinder ; and
- indicia positioned on the outer surface, the inner surface not being penetrated by the indicia and the indicia being bounded by the cylinder and the sleeve.

15. (Currently Amended) A vial comprising:

- a cylinder comprised of a first material ~~and~~ having an inner surface defining a cavity;
- a second material molded around and onto the outer surface of the cylinder to form an overmolded body; and
- the inner surface of the body being machined to form a cavity having a desired shape.

22. (Currently Amended) The vial of claim 8 wherein the inner surface of the overmolded cylinder is machined to form a cavity having a desired shape.

26. (New) A vial comprising:

- a molded body of a first material having a wall extending between an inner surface and an outer surface, the wall being sufficiently thin to have been molded to form a cavity having a desired shape; and
- a second material molded around and onto the outer surface of the body to reinforce the wall against breakage.

27. (New) The vial of claim 26 wherein the desired shape forms a barrel-shaped cavity.

28. (New) The vial of claim 26 wherein the body is a cylinder.

29. (New) The vial of claim 28 wherein at least one marker ring is embedded into the outer surface, the marker ring not extending through the inner surface, and the second material is molded around and onto the marker ring such that the marker ring is enclosed between the first material and the second material.